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For: THIN FILM FORMATION, USE  
SPUTTERING TARGET MATERIAL,  
THIN FILM FORMED USING SAME,  
AND OPTICAL RECORDING  
MEDIUM

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